New years Day

1942 January 1 Thursday

Very cold, but the first 24 hrs in
almost 3 weeks that there's been no rain.

Cut wood, dug in the garden,
washed dishes

Went for mail at noon & ran into
Ogden. Started home for check but said
B'd expected more. He was surly & vicious.
Guess I'll have to sue him.

Ate part of the pudding for lunch & warmed
up the last of peas for dinner.

Standard Symphony, Frank Munger
& Raymond Gram Swing.

Read New Rep, Chronicle etc.

1942 – January 2 Friday

Coldest in years. 29° on post mark at 7:30 a.m.

Paul didn't show up to work.

Mary came in about 8:30.

We went to P.J.'s & swept & gasoled the floors of the new cottage; then home for lunch & the pudding Brenda yesterday; then back to P.J.'s & oiled the floors.

U.S., Britain, Russia & China & 20 others agree not to sign separate peace. But Russia won't let us use Vladivostok base to attack Japan. She's probably wise — till Hitler is safely ~~defeated~~ out of the way.

1942 January 3 Saturday

Not quite so cold. Only 33° on front at 7:30
In the night I was woken by a bad pain
in my left calf. Cramp, I guess. Finally
got to sleep. But this morning it still hurt.

Paul came at 9:45, but I didn't like to
work in roof with a game leg, so we did a
lot of miscellaneous jobs.

Jenny stopped over about 4 & got furniture
from here. She & Jim moved Polly from
Sonja's in the Goodpaster bowl this morning.

Unified command in the East announced,
with Genl Wavell in supreme authority.

Deposited rents #1-3-5-7-8,
probably as large a deposit as I'll be able to
make till the war is over. Paid 73 & $8.75 interest - principal

Paul was given a fancy lunch, & I drove
them home.

Elmer Davis again fine on Negroes &
the State Department.

1942 January 4 Sunday

up at 8. Not so cold. Only 38°, turning to very fine crisp day.

Ate a good breakfast, 1 egg, toast, oatmeal & coffee; only oranges juice for lunch; cot cheese, banana, pudding & coffee for dinner.

Another series of symptoms began from Rochester. First is short & not so involved as I remember others. I was amazed to learn he died at 50. He looked older when I talked with him on Roy. in 1910.

Burned rubbish, weeded in garden, washed dishes, read paper, listened to radio. Typical Sunday!

Feel better than for ~~several~~ many days.

1942 January 6 Tuesday

Warmer. Rain coming.

Drama class resumed. Better attendance.

Read 1st 1/2 of Henry VI Pt 1.

U.S.S. Houston distinguished itself in battle. My aeroplane-tender romance changed to 15 bombers overhead — the fun for Eve, & got safely away.

Roosevelt asks for $56,000,000 for next fiscal year. Wow!

Finished Eftimus; "a mine of valuable material," & gave it to Pine Cone.

1942 January 7 Wednesday

Up early & ~~just going~~ to shop when Mary came in from P.J. bringing Paul. We worked on Shop #4, cleaning out bricks & scraping stuff there, then Paul plastered the bricks in the walls, while Mary & I cut back the geraniums & geraldo so can crawl drive down the road between the house & new neighbors fence. Hauled up the cuttings & burn in incinerator.

Mary wanted back to P.J. without warning, leaving Paul & me to walk down & shop with finishing things. Fences mud as hell.

We got 1st coat on floor.

Pearl Harbor 1 month ago.

Letter from Jean with a line from Bill

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Read proof on Eptoomus. The plan is simply out - too wide - but otherwise good job.

1942 January 8 Thursday

Dog tired. Up at 8:45.

Phone from Mrs Erskine saying neighbor wanted her car out of town, so that neighbors fence is up. Took car out & shovel & tear down the offending section.

Read final proof on Epitaphs.

Started a reply to Gabriel re Stalin's poem & statement that Jeffers blew up Grand F.T. & then denied & lied it.

Worked in office all afternoon.

Skipped lunch.

Got notice from Sanitary Board re sewage for Carmel Woods lots. My God! $528.20 to pay!! We can't possibly buy it, so shall go to bond at 6% for 5 yrs. If we couldn't sell the same lots before, how can we sell them now?

Felt pretty rotten about it all.

Wrote & Rilla Jean:

Got home at 6:30, just in time to hear

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Wellenstein auction Play negate
33rd degree which I'd never heard.

Cooked dinner, listened to Lewis,
Morgan & Lasky Standard degree.

Read till 11 & to bed.

Pain in bowels.

Dizzy morning, beautifully clear
& frisky warm afternoon.

Collected $50 from Press.

1942 January 9 Friday

My parody on Amer. Mercury is well printed, with no mistakes, in today's Post. Received 3 copies from Mrs. Winslow.

Not a word has mentioned it to me (except Rountree who gave no opinion)! I think its very funny & smooth. And its remarkably fast. Tremendous Russian successes of last week or so climaxed yesterday & today with Leningrad & Smolensk officially raised.

Bad pains in middle of day. Ate excellent dinner at Steve's shop house.

Drama class. Read last half of The Seamstress. Nice lady newcomer. Mrs. Herbert, chaplain's wife.

1942 January 10 Saturday.

To shop early. Fine day. Bad farm shed roof

Paul came at 9:30. We finished walls of shop #4. Ate no lunch.

Paul disconnected hills.

Finished transplanting wild strawberries to upper flat.

Magic Flute from Victor. I don't care as much for it as for most of Mozart's. And this was sung in English, which is foolish, as you can't understand it anyhow — & who cares? Opera & import all music - words should be sung in the language in which they were written, esp. Italian! Or German or French. I don't know about Chinese.

Many thanks should come our way.

1942 January 11 Sunday

Up a little after 8. Had 9 hrs. fairly good sleep.

Very fine day. As perfect a day as anyone could wish. Clear, warm (for Jan) & fresh & lovely. Evening star & calm & west sky through tall freshly-washed pines kept me on porch a long time.

Haven't felt so well in weeks. No pain & no strange feelings in my battered hulk.

Worked all day, washing clothes, cleaning house, cooking, weeding garden.

Finished 4th Sayers from Radio City & liked. Didn't realize his earlier work had so much music in it.

"The Inn in Love of M. Poirier" in "Great Plays" series. Usually a bore, this was excellent. Didn't read the play.

Jan 11 '42

Philharmonic directed by Metropolos.
not one of their best concerts.

KSFO, with Frankenstein as "director"
started a series of round tables,
talking on Sundays the time wasted on
their station by Columbia, so it
collides with Philharmonic. Too bad.

Artur Schnabel played here on New Fruits
of Music, but I didn't care for it, though
I have seen before his Chopin concerto.

Jenny came to come over, but didn't.

Ate no lunch, but had a good
dinner at 6, & then read papers till
10 & to bed. Very restful day, & felt
human & needed one.

Also good discussion of Congress of
Musicians, esp. re Cortes, by Van Dieren et al.

1942 January 28 Wednesday

Fine day in every way: weather, work, pleasure, health.

Worked in garden all morning and in large studio in afternoon, except for 2 hrs with Mary, including lunch at Russian tea room. Mary was patticularly pleasant today.

Read all evening by a good fire, a to bed at 10:30 — only to remember as I fell asleep that doors to cupboard in S# 1 had been left shut. Debated a while, then dressed & walked down (½ mile each way) & opened them, so parlor furnace would get out. Fine cold starlit night.

1942 January 29 Thursday

up rather late on a cold morning.
To shop to see Hattrick (for the last time,
for Mrs Hebrank has taken over), then home
to work with Paul on east fleet unit of day -
kindling ground & burning wood.

Talked with Mrs Vandaliz re Mrs Wilkins
& rebuilding rent. Must surprised & pleased
at Mrs V's attitude. She even offered to
pay one back the $5 reduction & suggested!

Ate a pork sandwich for lunch, & a good
dinner at 7:30 - hamburger, spud,
celery & coffee - after a long shower.

Reflecting, Frank Morgan, Standard Oil,
& on his of August from rounds.

1942 June 19 Friday

Mary came in from Valley in morning. We went to Monterey to look over auction goods (silk trimmings)

We bought some pillows & sheets & a shower curtain at Penney's

Class rehearsal of "Medea" in big studio, 8 & CO.

Mary had gone to bed - was asleep when I returned.

Fresh fruit salmon for dinner.

1942 June 20 Saturday

Mary & I were cleaning house when Bill & Jean & her mother & cousin & friend arrived from Fresno.

We put them up in the vacant apt, except Dr. J who took Helen's room.

Bill brought in the first 3 figs of the season from his fig tree.

He & Jean took my car & drove to Opal's ranch, returning about 6.

Mary & I went to the auction in Monterey at 2:30 & bid in a book table, 2 chairs, a soft rug & a tennis racket & leather case for $20.

Mary rest to Kelley then.

At 7:30 I went again to auction, but got nothing, the limit I wanted being started at my limit!

1942 June 21 Sunday

Bill had a cup of coffee with me & then he & Jean went down & had breakfast with Jean's family & spent the morning on the beach.

I worked at home all day, very sad over the fall of Tobruck. It looks like a terrible calamity for the United Nations. What went wrong? 24 hours this time; 7 months last year!

Showed Jean's family the big studios & the F.F. They all left about 6 for Fresno.

Bill & Jean are both the picture of good health. Why picture?

1942 June 22 Monday

Up early & worked hard all day
did a big wash, worked in garden,
& (with Mict Stitt) all afternoon cleaning
in apt. Got rather tired cleaning beamed
ceiling & took a long hot & cold shower.
Light supper & then to class rehearsal
of J. C. Good attendance (16) & with
all principal parts filled had a
fine work-out. Lucinia = Brutus, Ebenezer
Thomas = Cassius (first time), Hem = Century,
Williams = Casca, Stitt = Casca; Bl Stitt =
Portia, C Flavia & M. Finlay = Calpurnia,
& Williams mice and lanterns.

Warm pleasant day.

1942 June 23 Tuesday

Mary came in from Valley about 10 & we went to Monterey to shop for dishes etc & pick up the furniture we bought at auction last Saturday.

Real estate agent Ryan has sold Lou's B.G. place ($2,200) but only $100 down & balance at 6% on contract.

Mary very severely told Mamie she'd have to leave at once.

Returned for lunch, then Mary Helen Gahagan & Dr. Outland (latter the ~~last~~ Democratic candidate for new Calif. Congressional district of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Ventura & Santa Barbara) Gahagan made a very fine talk, & Outland is a good man, apparently honest, sincere & intelligent & liberal.

June 23 [illegible]

We had a minute steak & baked new potatoes & coffee for dinner, then listened to Independence Place & some more band — very bad — war news — & then had an early night.

Very pleasant evening otherwise & bed early.

1942 June 24 Wednesday

Mary ate her breakfast & went down to the beach with the Cocker Spaniel.

When she returned we worked on various things connected with furnishing the apt.

We had fresh figs & cream & rolls & wine for lunch.

Mary returned to Valley via Monterey.

I worked awhile in apt & then came home & planted potatoes till 7.

Overworked a little & felt queer; but a good hot shower & simple supper of boiled potato, onion chard, a thin bacon & sauerkraut made me feel better.

A little fairly good news from China, but Lybia, Sevastopol & Khabbar all very bad. Also terrible ship sinkings.

Raw coldish day.

1942 June 25 Thursday

Worked all day on 7a Bldg. chiefly cleaning living room of apt.

Talked to Mrs Habenicht re her shop. not very encouraging.

Warren Thomas came in at 3, & accepted Cassina in Apt. & Festa in T.H.

Many a true word thrown on way to Pkg to remove furniture from sold cottage.

Dreary foggy morning, pleasant afternoon.

Got home at 6:30, just in time for shower & then Rfg Irving & Dot at a good supper, mostly from my garden.

1942 June 26 Friday

Worked at home in a.m. and in aft h.w. Gave vego from garden to various people. Fulton Lewis ended his week of exposure of government bureau mishandling of synthetic rubber manufacture.

Fair warm day.

The govt doesn't seem to be wound on the war — but I am! With China fighting doggedly against Jap advances, with the British in danger for mid Egypt, with the Russ barely holding destroyed Sevastopol — falling back on Kharkov front, with Japs establishing base on Aleutians, with ships sinking as usual ———

Rehearsal of T.H. at 8 — and not a man showed up! Only 4 women!

1940 June 27 Saturday

Worked in apt & on Bldg business, discussed paint with George, & later & F.T. worked out plans with Mr. Locke for J.C.

Warm day but very pleasant.

Bank phoned in a.m. saying loan with insurance would be approved on 7A Bldg & Carmelo to cover loans.

1942 June 28 Sunday

Severe pains in chest, esp. left, in the night, but whether heart, lungs, liver or lights I know not.

George was to stop for me at 9:30 on way to dog show, but of course he was late. I went in my own car at 9:40 & a little after 10 he showed up on the Dellwater grounds. It was very hot — warmest I've ever seen it on the Dellwater lawns under the big beautiful trees, & the poor dogs suffered. Not a very fine show. Twines are too different. But there was a sweet little year old Cocker bitch & some good Irish setters & 2 White English setter bitches that were good to look at.

Back to Carmel at 2 & got a late lunch & then down to Sunset to

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take tickets at Yehudi Menuhin concert. They gave me 2 seats for my box & Lifland Faithi & came over & hear the music, she being nearest & only five minutes before commencement of program.

Watched finishers (which for the first time seem the promising considerable fruit), took a long cool shower & ate a veg dinner at 8:30 & listened to Beethoven Eroica.

Yehudi played Cesar Franck Sonata in A major of interesting memory.

At 72° now at 10 p.m.!

1942 June 29 Monday

Worked all day in apt — till 6:15, then home & watered garden & bathed & bottled supper & to rehearsal of Jc at 8.

Good turnout & kept things moving.

Told Hohenlohe to finish up apt by tomorrow.

1942 June 30 Tuesday

Pleasant day. Many came in early to ~~work~~ with me in a/c.

She brought the kitten she has kept for me (born April 28). Very bright; very handsome; looks a little like Kittyhawk, perhaps better looking, tho no white feet. He should make a fine successor to Wheelie & K. Hawk. He plays wildly & gracefully.

Painted second bedstead, gasolened some furniture, hauled more things down to a/c. Cleaned out service court.

Put $5,000 war risk insurance on 7a Ally & 4,000 on Carmelo. Cost 36.50. Paid P&A interest 3.12½.

Mary & I had a lousy lunch at Steve's Chop House; but a good veg. supper with

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egg nog at home.

Warm evening, but fog.

Listened to Information Please a
then watched Toby the Kitten (Sir Toby
Belch?) play.

And after a pleasant discussion
by the oak coals, to bed.

1942 July 1 Wednesday

Up at 7. News getting worse.

Dripping fog all night

Mary & I to Monterey, Pf. & Del Monte.

Bought a mattress for apt; & lunch for lunch (raspberries & cottage cheese & toasted buns).

Worked in apt a little, then Mary back to valley & I to Monterey again for sugar card for canning. 8 Hrs.

Bought 2 federal stamps for the 2 cans @ 5¢ each.

Sevastopol has fallen.

Had chop & baked potato, & Swiss chard from my garden, & coffee & rolls for dinner. How much longer?

The little kitten plays very charmingly.

Only Mrs Vandenberg paid rent due today.

1942 August 20 Thursday

Bill & Jean arrived about noon.

Jean did some housecleaning.

Bill helped me screen lights in theater auditorium.

Final dress rehearsal of T. N. Torto very good if Abbott doesn't blow in his lines.

Dense fog!

1942. September 3 Thursday

Pleasant home a.m., tennis & golf.
Bill played his fourth time, & was beaten
4 up by Jerry Burt. I went out & watched
the last 9 holes.
Worked on partition from 3 to 5.

1942 September 6 Sunday

up at 7:30 & got breakfast for the children. Bright lovely morning.

Mary Howard she wasn't feeling well & won't be in till tomorrow.

Took up with Bill the matter of his teeching the Hermans about Heron, & he said he hadn't said anything this trip — he hadn't even been in the shop. If he did at all, he said, it must have been last year or even before!

Bill & Pebble Beach & see finish of State golf tournament & Jean to the beach.

I washed clothes & watered fruit trees.

Cooked dinner when they returned. It always beats my heart to see Bill go — he's so sweetly & sadly efficient.

1942 September 14 Monday

Fine warm day. Dinnie night.

Pollard - ligaments (?) in my little finger (left).

Mary Lou came in to help clean Connie's house. Is cranky & absurd. If she realized how much is at stake in our future she might not be so obstreperous.

Mary & went to Fire House & voted for Kuyper & Kellogg for Sanitary Board.

Apartment, painted Saturday, is in good shape. Helen didn't paid rent & $15 on note — only 2 weeks late.

I showed Mary the statement I'd worked up re our finances. Our income in Oct will be $300 less than Oct of last year, & that means $3600 less in next 12 months, which is $2600 less than our fixed charges & minimum living expenses!

10 & ground round & home potatoes & chard for dinner, & darn good it was.